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Serial No.: 09/721,700  
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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Restriction Requirement of 15 DECEMBER 2004, Applicant elects with traverse Group I drawn to Claims 1-18 and 24.

Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's assertion that a Restriction Requirement is necessary in the instant application. Specifically, the groups delineated by the Examiner are clearly both so closely related to forward link traffic multiplexing that no burden would exist in for the Examiner if all claims were searched and examined together. Indeed, each group of claims includes particulars related to forward link traffic multiplexing that are required by the both groups of claims. Still further, a search of the USPTO database as follows:

"(CCL/370/471 AND CCL/370/474)" yielded sixty-three (63) patents that are currently classified in both Class 370, Subclasses 471 and 474. The most recent of these sixty-three (63) patents issued from Patent Technology Center 2660 on 30 NOVEMBER 2004.

Respectfully, it is presumed that the restriction policy of Patent Technology Center 2660 did not change in the time period between 30 NOVEMBER 2004 and 15 DECEMBER 2004.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Restriction Requirement be withdrawn and all pending Claims 1-23 be searched and examined together.

Respectfully submitted,

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